

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1, 2, and 14 and ADD new claims 16-18 in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) An optical disk consisting essentially of:
a substrate including a biodegradable resin or polyolefin resin;
a recording layer provided on both sides of the substrate;
an adhesive layer provided between the substrate and the recording layer; ~~and~~
a release layer provided between the substrate and the recording layer[.]; and
a printing layer provided as an outer layer of the optical disc, the printing layer comprising a printing base material which serves as an outer surface of the optical disk and a printing ink disposed on a side of the printing base material which faces toward the substrate,
wherein the recording layer has a base material layer including a non hydrophilic film.
2. (Currently Amended) An optical disk consisting essentially of:
a substrate including a biodegradable resin or polyolefin resin;
a recording layer provided on one side of the substrate;
a printing layer provided as an outer layer of the optical disc on the opposite side of the side of the substrate on which the recording layer is provided;
an adhesive layer provided between the substrate and the recording layer, and between the substrate and the printing layer; and
a release layer provided between the substrate and the printing layer,
wherein the recording layer and the printing layer have a base material layer including a non-hydrophilic film, and the printing layer comprises a printing base material which serves as an outer surface of the optical disk and a printing ink disposed on a side of the printing base material which faces toward the substrate.
3. (Previously Presented) An optical disk according to claim 1, further comprising:

a protective layer to protect the recording layer.

4. (Previously Presented) An optical disk according to claim 2, further comprising:
a protective layer to protect the recording layer.

5-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) An optical disk consisting essentially of:
a substrate including a biodegradable resin or polyolefin resin;
a recording layer provided on one side of the substrate;
a printing layer provided as an outer layer of the optical disc ~~on the opposite side of the~~
~~side of the substrate on which the recording layer is provided;~~
a release layer provided between the substrate and the recording layer;
a release layer provided between the substrate and the printing layer; and
an adhesive layer provided between the substrate and the recording layer, and between
the substrate and the printing layer,
wherein the recording layer and the printing layer have a base material layer including a
non-hydrophilic film, and the printing layer comprises a printing base material which serves as an
outer surface of the optical disk and a printing ink disposed on a side of the printing base
material which faces toward the substrate.

15. (Previously Presented) An optical disk according to claim 14, further comprising:
a protective layer to protect the recording layer.

16. (New) The optical disk according to claim 14, wherein the printing layer is formed
by printing the printing ink on one surface of the printing base material, and then laminating the
printing layer on the substrate to form an optical disc.

17. (New) The optical disk according to claim 1, wherein the printing layer is formed
by printing the printing ink on one surface of the printing base material, and then laminating the
printing layer on the substrate so that the surface of the printing base material having the printing
ink faces the substrate to form the optical disc.

18. (New) The optical disk according to claim 2, wherein the printing layer is formed

by printing the printing ink on one surface of the printing base material, and then laminating the printing layer on the substrate so that the surface of the printing base material having the printing ink faces the substrate to form the optical disc.

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